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ACTION OF MAYOR WAS CRITICISED

Counsel For Plaintiff Corporation Argues that the Tramway Company's Interests Were Looked After Rather than City's.

The proceedings in court in connection with the Goldstream water case were made extremely interesting yesterday afternoon. Fred Peters, J. C. solicitor for the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, stated in the course of his opening address that the plaintiff corporation contended that the application for a water record on behalf of the city was really intended for the electric company.

In the afternoon Mr. Peters went more fully into this phase of the case, and brought before the court the features which it was alleged led to this belief on the part of his side. He contended that this condition of affairs made possible in consequence of G. H. Barnard, acting as mayor of the city and solicitor for the tramway company at the same time. The secret contract between the city council and the tramway company and the report of the expert engineer from San Francisco had their part in the alleged transaction looking to the benefit of the tramway company and not the city of Victoria.

In view of this phase being introduced the case attracts additional interest, and the evidence of Mayor Barnard will be anxiously awaited.

Upon resuming the hearing of the case before Mr. Justice Duff yesterday afternoon, Mr. Peters contended that the B. C. Electric Railway Company was really the applicant for this record. He said that in 1903 negotiations were opened for the supply of water from Goldstream for city purposes. From that time on these negotiations were regularly resumed. In 1903 they were tried but failed. Again in 1903 negotiations were opened. In 1904 correspondence passed looking to the purchase of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's interests at Goldstream. But in 1904

A Singular Thing Happened.

The mayor of the city was also solicitor for the tramway company. This made it possible for the tramway company to get what was needed.

As early as June negotiations were opened, and Mayor Barnard sent a confidential letter to Manager Buntzer, of the B. C. Electric Company, relative to negotiations between the city and the electric company.

The B. C. Electric Company at that time had a contract with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for a supply of water for power purposes. The object of these negotiations with the city was to get water at a cheaper rate than was being paid the Esquimalt company.

Arrangements were finally made to enter into a contract with the city. This was done, and a number of drafts were made. By October all seemed to be ready for consummation, the contract requiring only the affixing of the seal.

Mayor Barnard remained solicitor of the company right up to this time, when he dropped out, and the business was put in the hands of a Vancouver solicitor.

A peculiar feature about this contract, Mr. Peters said, was that it was entered into without any expert advice being taken.

At the same time Mayor Barnard was negotiating with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to get water.

This contract was made between the city and the tramway company. It was never intended to be made public until much later than it was made public.

Mr. Peters said it could be shown that the negotiations from beginning to end were not for the benefit of the city, but for the electric company to get cheaper power.

An expert named Adams was brought to examine the property at Goldstream. This expert was brought on the advice of the Electric Railway Company. The report of Expert Adams was that the city should go on and make use of the present water supply. The city should at the same time acquire the Goldstream water. This was not to be used for city purposes, but the tramway company was to be allowed to use it. All the advantages in the deal were therefore for the Electric Company and Not for the City.

It was represented that the Elk lake supply could be used for about 25 years.

The expert in his report put the value of the Goldstream property down at a ridiculously small price. To induce the city not to use water from Goldstream the cost of bringing water to the city from Goldstream was put at a ridiculously high price.

One item making up this cost was the expenditure of a large sum in bringing water down to a lower level at Goldstream, which was not required. It could be shown that the expert's report of the cost of a main to the city was \$108,000 too high.

The reason for all this was easily arrived at. The Mayor of the city was also the solicitor for the Electric Company. That made it easy, easy. Had it been otherwise, no such proposition would have been made.

The interests of Victoria had not been considered. There were 5,000

which went down Goldstream. This amounted to 560 miners' inches. When the bill was introduced in 1903 application was made to the legislature for an act of incorporation there was opposition by the city. When the bill went into the House it was not anticipated that there would be any objection. The city and the electric company of that day, however, opposed it and during the progress of the bill through the House

A Petition Was Presented by the city signed by Robt. Beaven, mayor. The petition contained a resolution passed at a public meeting requesting that the privileges asked for by the Esquimalt company should not be granted without the consent of the petitioners. Another petition in like form appeared in the journals of the House from the city corporation.

Witness had negotiations with the Mayor, who insisted that altered should be made in the bill and section 10 was inserted, by which the Esquimalt company was to be prepared to supply water to the city.

In 1903 there were negotiations with Mayor Beaven looking to the supply of water. This was intended to be a night unless the sentence of death passed by the court-martial at Samar on Sokoloff, an engineer, and other local leaders of the recent railroad strike at Samar, is reversed before that hour.

Marital Law Abolished.

Warsaw, Dec. 5.—The abolition of the minor state of marital law was gazetted to-day, and Poland is now completely freed from military rule. The authorities have prohibited a proposed meeting of the striking post and telegraph employees.

The disorganization of business can be judged by the fact that while before the strike the Warsaw office handled 22,000 telegrams daily, the office now handles 1,500.

Advices from Sebastopol say that the government has ordered the outposts to be tried by court-martial in accordance with the procedure in use in war time.

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Seek Safety in Flight.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 5.—Many wealthy refugee families from Odessa and Kishineff have reached Jassi. They report an alarming spread of the agrarian movement. The train was several times attacked by marauders at Bessarabian villages, between Odessa and Urganie.

The Terrorist Conspiracy.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 4.—The trial of Mademoiselle Leontoff, who with others is charged with being implicated in a terrorist plot to kill General Trepoff, is proceeding behind closed doors. The evidence developed the existence of a big conspiracy with ramifications at Moscow and elsewhere which had for its purpose the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, already accomplished, and of General Trepoff and other "tyrants." The plot was discovered by accident through a courier who was carrying a message to one of the conspirators in Finland.

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On 5,500,000 gallons a day the amount now used by the electric company the city would have got \$13,300 under the secret contract. The Esquimalt company got \$20,400 for this amount.

A clause in the secret contract provided that the effective head of water should not be lowered unless with the consent of the company. The effective head was now 67 feet. According to the contract between the Esquimalt company and the electric company the head could be reduced to 57 feet. This would require the electric company to use 14 per cent more water, which would increase the returns to the Esquimalt company.

An adjournment was taken at 1 o'clock until the afternoon.

AGITATION SPREADING.

Trouble in Japanese Imperial University May Result in Loss of Stability of Cabinet.

Tokio, Dec. 5.—The friction existing between the minister of education and the imperial university has culminated in eight professors tendering their resignations. The agitation is likely to extend and threaten the stability of the present cabinet.

WILL STOP ALL RAILWAY TRAFFIC

EMPLOYEES OF RUSSIAN ROADS URGED TO STRIKE

If Sentence of Death Passed on Leaders by Court Martial at Samar is Not Rev. red.

(Associated Press.)

Warsaw, Dec. 5.—The executive committee of the Railroad Employees' Union has telegraphed to all stations of the Russian railroads urging the men to begin a general strike at midnight unless the sentence of death passed by the court-martial at Samar on Sokoloff, an engineer, and other local leaders of the recent railroad strike at Samar, is reversed before that hour.

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John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, arrived at Spring Valley, Ill., on Friday, suffering from nervous prostration. No serious results are apprehended. It was said by doctors that a few days' rest would restore his health.

REORGANIZING MANAGEMENT

Report That C. A. Peabody Will Be Elected President of Mutual Life Insurance Company.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 5.—According to the Herald to-day Charles A. Peabody, banker, railroad man and representative of the William Waldorf Astor estate, is slated as successor of Richard A. McCurdy as president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and will be elected by the board of trustees tomorrow. Frederick Cronwell, now acting president of the company, will be made vice-president, and Emory McClintock, the company's actuary, second vice-president. Messrs. Cronwell and McClintock will replace Messrs. Robert A. Grannis and W. R. Gillette, respectively.

This announcement, the Herald says, was made yesterday on the authority of a member of the Mutual's board of trustees, who has taken active part in the recent movement to reorganize the management of the company. The selection of Mr. Peabody was said to have been a compromise between the two factions in the board, each of which had a candidate. Mr. Peabody's insurance connection has been limited to the directorate of the British American Insurance Company, of New York.

MAIL CARRIER'S TRIP.

Ed Smith Proposed to Travel From Seattle to New York by Dog Team.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—Ed Smith, who has been carrying the mail from Seattle to Point Barrow over the famous Death Valley trail in Alaska, will go from Seattle to New York city by dog team. He proposes to leave Seattle on the 1st of January, and to travel over the country with the dog team, where there is sufficient snow to make the sledging possible. It is planned to reach New York for the opening of the annual sportsman's show in the latter part of March.

LIBERAL LEADER ACCEPTS THE TASK

CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN TO FORM CABINET

In Succession to the Balfour Ministry Which Resigned on Monday—Significant Visit.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 5.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, p.m. King, Edward at Buckingham Palace to-day and accepted the task of forming a new cabinet.

The Duke of Devonshire, Liberal Unionist and former lord president of the council, was among the callers on the new premier before the latter went to the palace, and in political circles importance is attached to the visit as possibly signifying some kind of working agreement on certain points of policy between the anti-protectionist unionists, of which the duke has been the recognized leader since his accession from the fourth cabinet, and the new government.

FIFTEEN MEN BURNED.

By Explosion at the International Harvester Company's Plant—Three May Die.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Fifteen men were burned last night by an explosion at the International Harvester Company's plant, three of whom probably will die. The explosion was caused by a workman thrusting a cold bar of steel into a furnace of molten metal in the immediate vicinity of which the other men were at work. The molten metal was hurled about the room, and the smoke and fire that shot from the furnace filled the room so the workmen were unable for several minutes to find the exits, but groped about helplessly stumbling over those who had been prostrated by the blaze. From the furnace chimney the flames shot high into the air, and could be seen for miles. The plant was not damaged to any extent.

SEVEN MEN SUFFOCATED.

Lost Their Lives in a Mine in West Virginia.

(Associated Press.)

Charlestown, W. Va., Dec. 5.—At Horton, on Cabin creek in this county, late yesterday seven coal miners were suffocated. They were working in a drift mine when the wooden stack of the ventilating furnace caught fire and was consumed.

Of the seven but two could be resuscitated after being brought out. The Horton mine is the property of the Cardiff Coal Company.

CONSUL'S DEMANDS.

Insists on the Execution of the Murderers of Presbyterian Missionaries.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 5.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Hongkong says that Julius G. Lay, the American consul-general at Canton, China, who has just completed his investigation into the recent murder of five Presbyterian missionaries at Lienchau, Canton province, insists on the execution of the murderers before the commission of inquiry leaves Lienchau.

ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

WAS READ AT TO-DAY'S SESSION OF CONGRESS

Railroad Rate Legislation Discussed at Length—The Tariff Question—Supervision of Insurance.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt was notified at 11 o'clock to-day by a joint committee of the Senate and House that congress had assembled and organized, and was ready to receive any message which he might desire to deliver to it. The President expressed his gratification at the convening of congress, and requested the committee to present his compliments to the two branches, and to say that he would communicate with them at once in writing.

The annual message of the President was read to the Senate and House shortly after convening at noon to-day. President Roosevelt in his annual message discussed railroad rate legislation at considerable length under the head of corporations, and among other subjects dealt with the labor question, federal supervision of insurance, currency, the revenues, corrupt use of money at elections, the Hague conference, Monroe doctrine, army and navy, merchant marine, immigration and the treatment of the Chinese under the present exclusion law, copyright laws, the preservation of Niagara Falls, Alaska and Panama canal construction.

The message opened by saying that the people of this country continue to enjoy great prosperity, and continued in many respects to improve. Corporations, with the fortunes amassed through corporate organization, are now so large and vast with such power in the hands of those that wield them, as to make it a matter of necessity to give to the government some effective

Power of Supervision over their corporate use. The corporation has come to stay just as the trade union has come to stay. Each can and has done great good. Each should be favored so long as it does good. But each should be sharply checked where it acts against law and justice.

"Experience has shown conclusively that it is useless to try to get any adequate regulation and supervision of these great corporations by state action. Such regulation and supervision can only be effectively exercised by the national government. If this proves impossible it will certainly be necessary to confer in the fullest form such power upon the national government as shall follow—this decision to go into effect within a reasonable time and to obtain from thence onward subject to review by the courts.

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"The best possible regulation of rates, of course, will be that regulation secured by an honest agreement among the railroads themselves to carry out the law.

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Moderation and Self-Restraint.

but it should exist so that it can be effectively exercised when the need arises. In my judgment, the most important provision which such a law should contain is that conferring upon some competent administrative body the power to decide upon the case brought before it, whether a given rate prescribed by a railroad is reasonable and just, and if it is found to be unreasonable and unjust, then after the full investigation of the complaint to prescribe the limit of rate beyond which it shall not be lawful to go—the maximum reasonable rate as it is commonly called—this decision to go into effect within a reasonable time and to obtain from thence onward subject to review by the courts.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO BRIGHT FUTURE

ASSOCIATIONS ARE PLANNING BUILDINGS

Both Y. M. C. A. and J. P. A. A. Contemplate Constructing New Headquarters—A Roseate Outlook.

There is every reason to believe that two well-known local associations will soon take active steps towards establishing more modern and extensive headquarters. Both the Y. M. C. A. and J. P. A. A. directors have in mind the construction of new buildings, and it only depends upon the prosperity of these institutions during the ensuing year as to how soon their object will be attained. Discussing the matter this morning Secretary Northcott, of the Young Men's Christian Association, expressed the opinion that in twelve months at the outside he would be prepared to open up a subscription list for a building fund similar to that started in Vancouver, and which, only recently, resulted in the association of that city finding itself possessed of a structure second to none in the northwest in point of equipment. As for the J. P. A. A., most Victorians interested in athletics know that the management committee contemplates the erection of a new building, and only holding back until the time seems more opportune for springing the project.

That the Young Men's Christian Association has demonstrated its usefulness since reorganization some years ago no person in a position to judge can deny. The debt is gradually being wiped out, and now the Broad street rooms are not sufficiently commodious to fulfill the requirements. Every evening the reading apartment is crowded, the gymnasium classes are so large that the physical director sometimes has difficulty in finding room for all on the floor, while the amusement rooms present a like animated scene. Through the energy of the officials the institution has made its influence felt throughout the community. Its scope is gradually growing, and it is only a question of time before the directors will be forced to look for larger quarters elsewhere. This crisis is rapidly approaching, and as Secretary Northcott states, in a year's time at the outside those in charge will be constrained to open a subscription list for a building fully equal to the old quarters, to that of which Vancouver boasts. When a first-class Y. M. C. A. building is constructed it will fill a long-felt want here. There should be comfortable reading rooms, well furnished recreation apartments, and a gymnasium provided with all the devices known to the physical culture of the present age, an indoor track, a swimming bath and other means of attraction common to the large associations throughout America.

The James Bay Athletic Association intend constructing a building scarcely less pretentious. Plans in the hands of the management committee were prepared some months ago, and as already stated, the principal promoters are only awaiting an opportune moment to take the first steps in the direction of submitting their proposal to the public. From what can be gathered they have in view a site upon the water front, one that is even more favorable than the present for rowing, the most popular sport of the institution, and the one which has given the club an international reputation. But this will not be the only line of athletics to which they will devote attention. The gymnasium, according to present plans, will be a great improvement over the present one. In the first place it will be much larger and so constructed that the handball enthusiasts may occupy the floor without interfering with the preferring basketball or other methods of exercise. In short, however, every department will be altered and extended and the rooms made as up-to-date as those of any club of its size on the Coast.

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Will Wonders Ever Cease?

"Wait a minute," she said to her husband, "let us see what all this excitement is about." There was such a crowd in front of Campbell's Prescription Store window, it was impossible to get by them. All were looking at a lady combing her long and beautiful hair. She was one of the Seven Sutherland Sisters.

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CRISIS IN THE RUSSIAN CABINET

INTERIOR MINISTER MAY BE DISMISSED

Strike of Postal Clerks and Telegraph Employees Is General—Troops Hold Streets of Capital.

Paris, Dec. 5.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal serious difficulties have arisen in the ministry resulting in an acute crisis.

The Socialists, the correspondent says, have informed the government that if the postmen should be replaced by soldiers an appeal would be made to the people to take arms against the government.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin describes the sinister aspect of the Russian capital. He says that patrols are everywhere, that the doors and windows of houses are closed, that stores are barricaded, and that Count Witte is camping in the streets. There is no news from other parts of the empire, says the correspondent, who adds: "The postal employees held a general meeting, at which the commissioner of police appeared. He advised the employees to disperse, and threatened that if they did not do so they would be suppressed by the military. The meeting then continued without further interruption."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro says that Count Witte is presented to the ministers a project for the granting of universal suffrage, and that the project is now under examination.

The population of St. Petersburg, according to the correspondent, display absolute indifference to the scenes of anarchy, while the authorities appear to be powerless.

Strike General.
Paris, Dec. 4, 4:40 p.m.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg dated Sunday, December 3rd, via Eythkuhn, East Prussia, to-day says: The strike of the post and telegraph employees is general, the government having unyielding before the demands of the strikers. This situation is prolonged for several days, but is doubtful if it will terminate peacefully. Again the word dictator is circulated, and during the early days of November, General Trepoft is said to be ready to return to the scene and restore order by a system of arrests and fusillades. Interior Minister Durnovo is in full accord with Trepoft and is gradually separating himself from Count Witte, who is now committed to taking his policy from the Zemstvos of Moscow. The latter are counterbalanced here by the new Conservative and moderate parties, including the great financial proprietors and

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are reported to have occurred in the governments of Chernigoff, Terck, Kurak and Kasan.

Factory Employees Strike.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A dispatch to the Local Anzeiger, from Kieff, says: Gen. Drake has been given leave of absence, and will be succeeded by Lieut.-Gen. Kargenoff, an energetic strike officer.

A strike has broken out in the shops of the Southwestern railways, and all the factories.

The great mass meetings held in the polytechnic institute have caused the authorities to close the institution.

All the newspapers are subject to the strictest censorship, and the radical publications consequently are not appearing. The newspapers are allowed only to report facts, and must not print expressions of sympathy with the telegraph and post office employees.

The authorities wanted to distribute the accumulated mails through the house porters, but the strikers prevented it.

Will Continue Struggle.

Moscow, Dec. 4.—Via Eythkuhn, East Prussia, Dec. 4.—The congress of telegraphers has adopted a resolution to continue the strike, declaring that it will be impossible to secure justice under a regime of civil liberty is introduced by a constitutional assembly.

The porters declared a strike to-day. Their meeting was held in "Red Place," under the walls of the Kremlin. Their orators harangued the crowds from the block on which the Strelitzers were executed. The meeting was dispersed by dragons.

News which has a curious parallel in the French revolution comes from a little village on the border of the Baltic, where the people have organized the "Republic of Novorossk." They have issued a manifesto abolishing the rule, not only of the Emperor but of the Deity, which has been read in the churches and the popular assembly halls.

BALEOUR'S RESIGNATION

Has Been Accepted By the King In Official Announcement.

London, Dec. 4.—The political crisis in the United Kingdom reached a climax to-day, when Arthur J. Balfour, the premier, formally tendered the resignation of himself and the members of his cabinet to King Edward, who accepted it. His Majesty has invited Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to an interview to-morrow, morning, when he will offer him the mission of forming a new cabinet. Sir Henry will accept the task, and within a few days, or even within a few hours, a new government will be formed.

A brief official announcement was made to-night that the cabinet had resigned, that the King had accepted the resignation of his ministers and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had been sent for.

There is some uncertainty as to when the dissolution of parliament will be effective, but it is not considered probable until after the New Year.

An interesting feature of the political situation is the prospect of a closer alliance between the Irish and the radical parties in the new parliament. James Keir Hardie, the socialist and independent member, in a political speech, frankly inviting such an alliance. He pointed out that 45 labor members could be elected, who would provide a voting force which no government, however strong, could ignore.

THE GRANBY COMPANY.

Dividend of Three Per Cent. on Par Value of Shares.

Definite information has been received at Phoenix that at an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Ltd., held in New York on Saturday, it was, as forecasted, decided to raise the par value of the shares from \$10 to \$100 each. It was announced that the company declared a dividend of 3 per cent. on the par value of the issued shares of the company, as recorded on December 15th.

The transfer-books will be closed on that date, and will remain closed till January 15th, 1906, when the dividend will be paid. The issued stock of the company amounts to 1,350,000 shares of the old par value of \$12,500,000, making the dividend amount to \$206,000. This is the largest dividend ever paid by any mining company in British Columbia. Exactly two years ago a dividend amounting to \$128,000 was paid, making a total of \$334,000 paid in profits to shareholders thus far by this company.

THE INSURANCE INQUIRY.

More Revelations at the Investigation by the Legislative Committee.

New York, Dec. 4.—The most interesting development in the legislative investigation to-day was contained in the testimony of Horace W. Brockway, a hotel proprietor and director of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, who said that he had given \$6,000 to President Burnham of that company on demand of Mr. Burnham in 1896. Mr. Brockway told the committee that Mr. Burnham told him that if he would take out a policy in the Mutual Reserve he would make him a director. Mr. Brockway then took out policies amounting to \$6,000. After having been a director for some time he was put on the payroll of the company at \$200 a week, and received that salary for four months, and then it was cut to \$200 a week.

Asked what he did to earn that money, he said he looked over some loans for the company, was consulted by policy-holders as to whether the company was a good one to insure in, and did whatever he was asked to do. He had been getting \$300 a week eight weeks when Mr. Burnham demanded the \$6,000.

What President Burnham did with that money was shown by the subsequent testimony of George D. Eldridge, vice-president and actuary of the company, who told the committee that President Burnham had told him he had given it to Hilary Bell, a newspaperman and publicity agent of the company, to secure the publication of articles favorable to the company at a time when it was being criticized in the newspapers. Mr. Bell had said he could accomplish much more with the money if he were not compelled to re-

port to the company just what he expended it for.

Mr. Brockway said he is still a director of the company. The reason why President Burnham was not called before the committee was given by his physician, who told the committee to-day that Mr. Burnham is too sick to appear or even to make a deposition.

Mr. Eldridge also told the committee to-day that his company had much trouble with Andrew J. Clunie when he was superintendent of insurance of California, and in six years from 1897 paid Thomas J. Clunie, the commissioner's brother, \$7,500 in counsel fees to represent the company before the insurance department and legislature of that state.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL.

Coroner's Jury Suggests Laws to Eliminate Brutality From Game.

New York, Dec. 4.—A verdict suggesting the passage of laws to eliminate brutality from football was returned by the coroner's jury, which investigated the death of Harold B. Moore, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., who was killed while playing half-back for the Union college football during a game against New York university.

Coroner Goorman charged the jury that if anyone was to blame for Moore's death they were to fix the responsibility.

The jury's verdict stated that death was due to an accident and then continued: "Said game, as now played, is dangerous to life and limb. We suggest that prompt and effective action be taken for the enactment of laws to prohibit all brutal features from the game which may be necessary to eliminate all danger to the players."

HAS NO JURISDICTION.

Judge Phillips Gives Decision in Cases Brought By Government Against Railways.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—Judge Phillips of the United States District court for the western district of Missouri to-day delivered an opinion that his court was without jurisdiction in the cases brought here by the federal government charging the Missouri Pacific, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and other railways with giving rebates on shipments of salt in Kansas, and on coal in Colorado and other products in violation of Elkins Act. The motion of the railways to quash the proceedings was granted.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 5, 5 a.m.—An extensive storm area, is hovering off the coast and mild rainy weather will become general from this to the Lower Fraser valley. The temperature has risen to about the freezing point in Cariboo and Kootenay, and is not many degrees below east of the Rockies.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.91; temperature, 45; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles, N. E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm, weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles, S. E.; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Karkeville—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, 6 miles, N. E.; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles, S. E.; weather, clear.

GEORGE AND CLARICE.

Trisco Attorney Has Company During His Ordeal.

According to the latest advice from San Francisco the only George Collins is still putting up a tough fight to keep out of San Quentin. The San Francisco Call gives the following account of the proceedings devoting a little attention to Mrs. Clarice Collins:

Mrs. Collins No. 2 spent the day at the side of her husband, and was quiet and self-possessed. She is a dainty woman of medium height, with brown eyes and chestnut hair, which she dresses close to her well-polished head. Her features are even and clear cut, with a somewhat determined chin. She wore a sea and salmon feathered turban of exquisite make, trimmed in red, which harmonized with her brunette complexion and the gray dress with blue velvet trimmings that she wore. Her small hands were encased in gray gloves while across her lap was thrown a beautiful ermine stole trimmed with dark fur.

She wore pearl and diamond earrings, a pearl and diamond breastpin and her wedding ring. A tiny watch was suspended from the bodice of her dress. As the afternoon was drawing to a close she showed slight nervousness under the tedious strain and constantly fingered a small blue and white beadwork purse. Her appearance at the Hall of Justice served to draw hangers-on to the courtroom, including many women.

Collins was escorted to his place in Judge Lennon's court by Deputy Sheriff Martin L. Welch, for the attorney is in the Sheriff's custody during the trial. The district attorney at once began submitting evidence of the public records of the case, and for this purpose Deputy County Clerk Charles Morris was placed on the stand.

Andrew J. Henry was next called, and Collins requested that all witnesses be compelled to retire. This was concurred in by the prosecution, and the several witnesses left the courtroom. Henry was placed on the stand, and in the cross-examination was subjected to a severe grilling by the defendant.

His assertion that his business was that of notary public was immediately challenged by Collins, and will not be allowed in the evidence until proof to the fact is furnished. Collins objected to the testimony of the witness in his replies and was sustained by the court. The purpose of Byington's questions was to show that Collins had sworn to the signature on the answer to the complaint of Mrs. Charlotte Collins.

In the cross-examination Collins showed that Henry was not a sure

whether the signature was subscribed to the document in his presence. During the testimony Collins made the witness describe in detail the location of his office and the furniture therein and his own actions during the defendant's visit.

Collins then submitted a copy of Henry's testimony at the extradition trial in Victoria and asked the witness to verify the signature. This Henry refused to do, saying that he believed it was his signature, but would not swear to its not being a forgery, as the document had been in the possession of Collins. Collins requested that the slurring remark be preserved in the record.

Henry then was compelled to admit that he was paid for his trouble in visiting Victoria to testify and that he left a lucrative business to do so. He repeated attempts to make the witness tell who paid him the money were overruled by the court. When questioned regarding the animosity of the witness toward him, Collins asserted that he had been instrumental in having the witness' compensation reduced. Collins tried to show that Henry was induced to go to Victoria by the threat that his commission as notary public would be revoked by the governor.

The only tilt between counsel occurred when Collins said that he would show that a conspiracy was entered into against him. He asked several times who paid the witness the money for the latter's testimony, and coupled the name of Judge Lawlor in the questions. The method of questioning aroused Byington, who maintained that he himself arranged for the payment of the witness.

Collins demanded that the witness be allowed to answer the question and added that Byington would have plenty of questions to answer when he was placed on the stand. Byington thereupon denied Collins to call him to the stand. The wrangle was ended by the court. During the afternoon one spectator was ejected by the bailiff for loudly guffawing when Collins made a particularly bright remark. After a protest from Collins, the court adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Tariff Commission at Winnipeg—Lord Strathcona Retires For Presidency of Bank of Montreal.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—The tariff commission opened its sitting here this morning at 10 a.m. at the first session the only deputations heard was from dealers in milk chocolate, who asked that that commodity be placed on the free list. In the afternoon a deputation representing livestock and agricultural interests attended and strongly urged a revision of the tariff which would include a reduction of duty. They asked that all kinds of lumber, fence wire and binder twine be placed on the free list, that the duty on agricultural implements be reduced to 15 per cent, and that on cement be materially reduced. They also strongly urged the restoration of the 3 to 1-3 per cent. British preference on all woolen goods. The manufacturers will present their case to-morrow.

Fell From Train.

Vest Selkirk, Man., Dec. 4.—While attempting to board a moving train here H. Smith slipped and fell. His leg was cut a fang and the other leg broken.

Strathcona's Retirement.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the Bank of Montreal to-day the retirement of Lord Strathcona as president was announced. He will be appointed honorary president. Sir Geo. Drummond is to succeed Lord Strathcona in the presidency. E. S. Clouston will succeed Sir Geo. Drummond as vice-president, but will retain the general management.

Halifax Garrison.

Quebec, Dec. 4.—A detachment from the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery and the Royal Canadian regiment, who go from Quebec to swell the ranks of the Canadian garrison at Halifax, left here at noon after parade. The detachment is made up of 225 officers and men from R. C. G. A. and sixty-one officers and men of R. C. A.

May Be Lost.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—The schooner Ohio left Grand Banks, Newfoundland, for North Sydney, N. B., November 15th and has not since been heard from. It is feared that she has been lost with all hands. She was 55 tons and carried a crew of six men.

The Very Rev. A. Bernhard was Monday appointed bishop of St. Hyacinthe, province of Quebec, Canada, says a dispatch from Rome.

Col. Samuel Adams Drake, the author and historian, died at Kennebunkport, Maine, on Monday of Bright's disease. He was 72 years old. Col. Drake was a civil war veteran.

LIFE AND HABITS OF MIGHTY WHALE

INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE
BY PROFESSOR PRINCE

Delivered Under Auspices of the Nat'l. History Society—An Industrial Boom.

So crowded was the caucus room, parliament buildings, last evening on the occasion of the illustrated lecture on whale life and whaling by Prof. Prince, Dominion fisheries commissioner, that many were unable to obtain seats, and the space outside the entrance for some feet back was thronged with eager listeners. The discourse was fully as instructive as expected, every peculiarity in the structure of that immense sea-animal, its methods of living and the value of different portions of its carcass for manufacturing purposes being dealt with as thoroughly as the brief time at his disposal permitted. The facts were outlined so clearly, all technical terms except those absolutely necessary in an explanation being omitted, that the youngest one present could not but comprehend every detail. The only regrettable feature is that arrangements had not been made for a larger hall, so that others might have had an opportunity of hearing what such a notable authority had to say about whales, in connection with which one of the most important industries of the Pacific Coast promises to develop in the course of the next few years.

After an introduction by President Robinson, of the Natural History Society, under whose auspices the lecture was delivered, Prof. Prince referred to the last time he had made an address in Victoria, his subject then being food fish. Now he intended to speak on something entirely different, namely, the largest back-boned animal in existence. The whales, he said, were supposed to have originally been inhabitants of the land. Geologists, the majority of whom made this claim, had brought apparently indisputable evidence to back up their claim. It wasn't his intention to deal with that phase. Necessarily such a thing would mean a more or less scientific discourse, for which he hadn't time, believing that more interest would be taken in a description of the peculiarities and value of the immense sea-animal as it existed to-day.

Before showing any pictures the lecturer gave a general outline of the structure of the whale, paying particular attention to its enormous jaw and mouth, the horizontal character of the carcass, the massive back-bone, and ribs and the muscular tail. The latter, he pointed out, had in its strength that could hardly be realized by anyone except those witnessing the gambols of the creature, in which they would lift themselves into the air and fall again with the noise of thunder. In order to show the absolute necessity of the whale's propelling power, Prof. Prince spoke of its helplessness when stranded and otherwise in perfect health. Then it was impossible for it to help itself. It was more securely imprisoned than if behind bars, and would lie there until it passed away.

The room being darkened, the first of an exceedingly interesting series of pictures was thrown upon the screen. It showed a Scottish herring fish in the north Atlantic with a school of whales blowing huge vapors of water from their nostril or "blow-holes" with the utmost complacency. The fishermen of Scotland, Prof. Prince explained, held the whale in superstitious reverence, and when a whaling industry was established on that coast recently it had met with much opposition. They contended that these monsters were their best friends, never harmed them, and that their presence was an infallible indication of the presence of herring. Another illustration showed a combat between a small boat manned by mariners and a ferocious looking fish representing the whale. This, it was stated, was the early conception of the whale, which in the light gleaned by naturalists of the present century, would appear ridiculous to the most uninformed.

There were three sub-orders of whales, added Prof. Prince. One of these, the Zeuglodon, was now extinct, so that it was only necessary to deal with the other two—the tooth and the whale-bone. The mouth of the former was shaped something like that of a pig and the latter known member of that family was the sperm whale. It was supplied with 22 teeth in the lower jaw, each of which was a huge structure. These were used in tearing to pieces the octopus, its principal food. Of the other variety the sulphur bottom, which abounded in the North Pacific, was as good an example as any other. It was supplied with huge slabs of the substance commonly known as whale bone. Curiously enough in the younger whales of that kind the rudiments of teeth could be discovered by an examination of the jaw. These, however, never pierced the gums. The latter hardened and grew, forming the peculiar substance, known as whale bone, and which was such a valuable feature of the whaling industry. Pictures of the finner and humpback, also of the non-tooth family, were shown. They were very similar to the sulphur bottom, the only difference being in important peculiarities in their formation. Attention was drawn to the deep creases in the under part of the throat. The utility of these had never been definitely decided upon, but his own opinion was that they allowed the whale to take in a larger quantity of water than would otherwise be possible.

Pointing out the immense flippers with which the whale is supplied, Prof. Prince mentioned something of unusual interest. With each of these, covered only by the skin and connecting flesh, was a bone structure exactly resembling that of a human hand. There were the four fingers and the thumb, just as distinctly outlined as upon the human being. In addition to this, in their bodies were found the formation of hind limbs. These were lo-

cated just where one would look for them on the land animal. By the ordinary whaler hunter they were overlooked as a general rule. Some time ago he had requested those engaged in the industry at Halifax to look for the bones, and as a result had secured specimens which he showed and handed around for examination. They were of absolutely no use to the animal in its present existence, but were of interest as they bore out the argument of geologists as to the pre-historic existence of a mammoth from which the arteries of the neck and the flippers had sprung. He didn't intend to deal with that question, however, but only to point out the evidence contained in the structure of the whale. That these were the rudiments of legs there could be no doubt, and such a thought left wide field of conjectures as to the character and life of the whale's forefathers.

The huge mouth was then illustrated and Prof. Prince proceeded to give some measurements. He said the mouth of the average whale had a capacity of 200 cubic feet and some 15 men could stand inside without difficulty. He then went on to give some idea of its structural formation. The ribs were built with a millstone in correspondence with the rest of the body. There were from 60 to 70 vertebrae in the backbone, much more, the professor naively remarked, than to be found in man. (Laughter.) But it was the blood system with which he was most impressed, and which at a comparatively recent period a professor of Glasgow, Scotland, had investigated and given forth a better and wider knowledge of its peculiarities than had ever been generally known. A story was told in connection with the researches of that learned gentleman which, he thought, would bear repetition. While standing upon the carcass of a large whale and cutting into the heart for the purpose of examining the arteries the professor slipped and fallen head first into the interior of the organ, the character of which had roused in him so much curiosity. He was immediately missed by his companion, who, looking about, saw his shoes and dragged him back just in time to save him from suffocation. This gave some idea of the immensity of the life-giving organ of the whale.

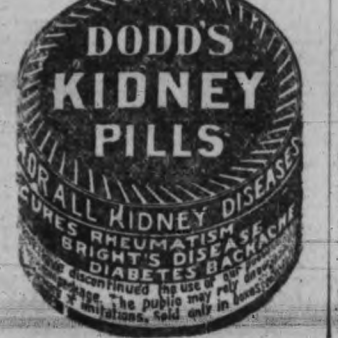
A man's waist, Professor Prince continued, was about the same diameter as the aorta artery, and the heart sent just 250 times the amount of blood per beat through the body as that of the human being. A feature of the structure was the coil of arteries massed about the spinal column of the monster sea animal. Nothing in existence seemed to die same extent as they were to be found in the whale. Their use, it was contended, was for the storage of large quantities of aerated blood for use while the creature was pursuing its subterranean life. It could remain beneath the surface for the space of an hour.

Describing its method of breathing the lecturer first explained that while the ordinary whale had only one nostril, the Arctic whale was fitted with two "blow-holes." Through these apertures the hot air from the enormous bellows-like lungs, together with a quantity of mucus was blown nine or ten feet into the air, an operation which created a sound not unlike the sighing of a Cornish engine. This was generally done ten or twelve times, when the whale again descended, rising at irregular intervals to repeat its breathing.

With reference to the feeding of the non-tooth whale, Prof. Prince said it subsisted largely upon small and nutritious shrimp-like fish. In the north seas its favorite delicacy was what was commonly known as the sea-butterfly. Coming upon a school of the latter, which had the effect of giving the sea a red-like color for miles around, the whale opened its immense mouth and took in large quantities of water. The latter was gradually pressed out by means of the tongue between the whalebone jaws, leaving the rest of which it was in search to remain. This was repeated frequently, and so the whale obtained its daily bread. Pictures of these sea-butterflies and other variety of small sea life of which the whale is fond were thrown upon the screen.

Coming to the sperm whale, the best known of the tooth family, he referred particularly to its square shaped protruding snout. This, he thought, was useful as a buffer, as the eyes were so located that it could not be easily seen in front as behind. When opened, a chamber was found containing a quantity of oil, which as soon as being exposed to the air crystallized into the spermaceti well known to all chemists. It was a most valuable material. As he had already stated, the cutter fish was the popular food of the sperm. In the former was a kind of bone which had the effect of forming a peculiar substance in the intestines of the whale. This growth was either thrown off or resulted in the death of the animal so afflicted. It was known as ambergris, which, if found, represented quite a fortune to the fortunate finder.

Professor Prince devoted the remainder of his address to the value of the whale for industrial purposes. He mentioned first the whalebone, which, he said, had increased in demand recently because of the numerous uses to which it could be put. One or two of these were mentioned. Its texture, in the first place, could be converted into fine half-lin particles which when worked into silk material gave the latter a buoyancy and made it much more useful than heretofore. It could be converted into most durable wigs, and, in fact, be put to many other uses. As there were no less than between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds in each whale the importance of that portion to the hunter could easily be



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After answering a number of questions Professor Prince was tendered a hearty vote of thanks on motion of President Robinson, who expressed the appreciation of the members of the Natural History Society in appropriate terms.

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BRITISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

Mr. Balfour met the existing British Parliament with a very large majority of members behind his government. But the seeds of dissolution had been sown. Parliament is now in its death throes. The Premier has resigned, a new government is in process of formation by the opposition leader, and an election will be held early in the year.

Despite his limitations as a party leader, Mr. Balfour is one of the most attractive personalities in public life to-day in Great Britain or any other country. He has been subjected to savage attacks by his political enemies, both in the House and in the constituencies. He has had internal party dissensions to contend with that would have been very trying to the temper of ordinary men. Yet he has met assaults from without and cuts from within with the coolness and courage of a perfectly poised and thoroughly disciplined disposition. He could wield the weapons of the present-day public man with a grace and skill it is given to few, if any, of his contemporaries to emulate. He has been beaten down for the time being, but he still possesses above all other men in public life to-day the confidence of his party, even if he has temporarily forfeited, through faults not all his own, the confidence of the country. He is still the leader of the Conservative party and the most accomplished political controversialist in the English-speaking world. As leader of the opposition he will be in all but title, by the magic of his eloquence and the singular charm of his person, the leader of the House of Commons.

Mr. Balfour, although he still possessed the confidence of a majority of the House of Commons, was convinced by the result of recent bye-elections that he had lost the confidence of the country. Realizing that nothing of a less drastic character than a term in opposition could restore harmony in the ranks of his party, with his usual indifference to personal considerations or party affiliations, he decided to hand his resignation to his sovereign. The motives of the Premier in retiring from power without undergoing the test of a want of confidence motion in the House have been impugned. He has been accused of lack of courage and of party trickery in putting the Liberals on their defence in an appeal to the country. We are quite sure neither Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman nor Mr. Asquith will make any such charges. The retiring Premier will be given the fullest credit for acting in accordance with established procedure. When he tendered his resignation he realized that the time had come for him to make way for a leader in whom the changed political sentiments of the country were represented.

The task of the Liberal leader who has been called upon to form a government will be a very delicate one. The party which will be behind him if he is to remain long in power, in its normal condition, in contrast to the normal condition of the Tory party, is not homogeneous. It will be made up of factions, in which will be included the Irish party and the Labor party. Sir Henry has but to repeat his speech delivered at Stirling in order to consolidate, as by word of command, the opposition. The same word will invite

the hostility of the vast majority of the populace of England and Wales and cast discord into the normally solid Liberalism of Scotland. The prejudice in question may not be justifiable when considered in the light of reason and common sense. Unreasonable prejudice is not justifiable under any circumstances. It could easily be demonstrated that a certain measure of home rule for Ireland and Scotland and Wales, and for England herself, would bring relief to Imperial legislators, who are always in arrears in their work because too much of their time is taken up with the consideration of petty local affairs which ought properly to come within the purview of local governing bodies. But there is the prejudice, aggravated, we fear, by the indiscreet utterances of the Irish leaders, who have stated that they will never cease to agitate until their country has achieved her political independence. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's lease of power, therefore, must depend for its duration on the loyalty to his cause of the various factions of which the Liberal party shall be composed. He will probably have a very large majority during his first Parliamentary term. He will be in a position to effect internal reforms of great importance to the people. But when the Conservatives have been disciplined and reduced to order by a term in opposition and the dissatisfaction which is inherent in the radical elements gathers force and fire because of the indisposition of the government to grant all its extreme demands, no public man will envy the lot of the Liberal leaders.

PASSETH UNDERSTANDING.

A careful examination of the terms of confederation as agreed upon between former Dominion and provincial governments, no doubt under the impression that generous treatment was being accorded the provinces, will disclose inequalities affecting principally the smaller partners, from the point of view of population. That fact is admitted by federal as well as by provincial representatives. But what would the members of the present or any future federal government be likely to say if the argument were hurled at their astonished heads that nature has reared great mountains in our provincial domain, therefore we must have better terms! What would the representatives of other provinces who are making joint cause with us in the matter, and with whom we must co-operate in order to achieve success, think of such a contention? Surely there are sufficient just and reasonable grounds upon which to base our claims for preferential treatment without dragging in such fantasies of the imagination as have taken possession of a mind apparently diseased by much brooding upon one particular subject. If the disputes between railway companies and shippers are to constitute arguments in favor of better terms, why not also the bickerings between employers and employees which periodically affect the development of our industries? If we are justified in asking for a larger per capita allowance because the mountains rear their hoary heads within our boundaries and beyond our neighbors have been endowed with level plain as an inheritance, why not just as reasonably put in a supplementary claim for compensation because of the contrasts in climate? The residents of the prairies can raise an abundance of wheat of the finest quality ever grown. In that respect we are handicapped compared with them, and we might go on multiplying comparisons, all of which would constitute just as good arguments as those brought forward by the Colonist. The words of Agrippa, addressed to the Apostle of the Gentiles, appear to be applicable to the extraordinary case of our contemporary. Or, as Mark Twain's editorial friend remarked regarding a brother editor whom he had engaged in controversy, "his logic is like the love of God."

A professional prize-fighter says not one of the "fancy" with a decent regard for his physical well-being, his facial beauty or his life would think for a moment of participating in an American "football" game. The contests on the gridiron are only football games in the sense that it is the players (not the ball) who are kicked.

Lord Rosebery, it seems, is still destined to keep on plunging that lonely, interminable furrow. His health is not good, and even if he were disposed to accept a portfolio in the new British government, he is not regarded with favor by the radical elements which must be prominent in the councils of the Liberal party.

The message of the president might be of considerable interest if it meant anything. But it is mere abstract theorizing. There is no probability of any of its important recommendations being taken up by congress and embodied in acts. It is merely so much sound symbolism in so many columns of printed matter.

Emperor William, it is said, has not forgotten his royal brother in the day of adversity. The German fleet is ready to transport the Czar to a place of safety in case the Russians "see red" and become uncontrollable.

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THE ASPIRING MAIDEN.

Reginald Goulay.
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I've lots of lovely things, you know—I've learned to do dishes and sew;
I never will feel happy till I'm in the toilet set.

We've joined the Church of England, and shook our nearest friends
(One's social standing on that sort of thing so much depends).
I've been up to Chicago, an' down to Montreal.

Oh, I tell you that I've travelled—but it ain't no use at all!

I've been engaged a little, before paw made his pile—

To a shop clerk, and a dentist, an' a man that dealt in lie.

An' a man that peddles fruit trees, an' a purser on a boat—

(That purser had the loveliest ways of anything afoat)

Likewise to a pianist who most divinely sang—

They couldn't toe my mark for style—so I'd to bounce the gang.

I've got a small-sized bank clerk now I think I can make do;

His voice and salary are sweet, his intellects are few;

But though on general topics his thoughts are far astray,

He can talk of "daws" and "dawsons" in a most bewitching way.

Whatever I can do with him, I'll leave this dreary spot;

Though Slabtown or Hog's Hollow may be my awful lot.

An' I'll come home from the Agency about ten years or more,

Eaching 'Twe small children, with a back like a kitchen door.

Yes, dreary is the prospect—but it seems it is my lot.

Unless some wealthy foreigner soon visits this sweet spot;

Which don't seem very likely, but he may come all the same;

So I'll keep my dunder on and off—and pray for better game.

Hamilton, Ont.

PROSTITUTED BUSINESS.

N. Y. Evening Mail.

Honesty in the business world is like honesty in the home circle—without it the structure crumbles. Sometimes, in moments of depression or privation, it may be, virtuous wives and self-supporting, self-respecting women envy the seemingly fortunate estate, the fine raiment and pampered living of those women whose equivocal position the East recognizes under the name of courtesans. And yet virtuous women realize that these others are not entitled to their envy, because they have yielded infinitely more than they can receive. For the health of society, for the testimony it is impelled to render to the things that are of good report, the man is always upon the mistress. The world that knows her for what she is and yet accepts her, can never be aught else than a demagogue, a half-world.

It is a bitter comparison to make, but it is a true and wholesome one, between the woman who has made merchandise of her virtue and the "maiden" who has made merchandise of her honesty, even if both have taken their commodity to the death-market. In the wiser and better day that we hope is coming, that in which, mad as the world is as yet, the reputation of American business, the merchant or professional man of moderate income, but unimpeachable honesty, will feel that he has no more occasion to envy the "maiden" who has prostituted his honor than the honest woman has to envy her pampered but outcast sister. He will not even respect such a man, and the latter's testimony will be of little value.

For society's health the "maiden" must be proved dishonest must be made to feel that he is a resident of the half-world, and the man who is merely "law honest" must be banished to his frontiers. It is unclean, the social structure, and substitutes, dry rot for vital growth, that such men should receive honor from their fellows and should be allowed, to deceive themselves that it pays to cheat and steal. That way leads to utter ruin. "Dishonesty," says J. Howard Simmons, the other day, "is the bane of nations. It must be watched, and must be made too odious to be tolerated among men who desire to be honored and respected by their fellow-citizens."

FRUITS OF FADES.

Kamloops Sentinel.

The school curriculum is laid down not by the boards of trustees but by the department. Drawing is included in the curriculum and a certain "faddish" is placed in charge of the teaching of that subject in all schools throughout the province. This faddish is a crank on the use of rule and compass and has succeeded in making nearly every pupil throughout the province a competent draughtsman. Here in Kamloops some of the scholars are afraid to draw a decent straight line lest they be accused of using a ruler. And if the lines are not decently straight Mr. Blair declares the teaching bad and false the pupil.

A TARIFF CONUNDRUM.

Ottawa Journal.

What staggers us is the idea of 30 to 200 per cent. tariffs. The Journal occasionally pays 200 per cent. on plates or matrices for stereotyping. What staggers us is the idea that any class of citizens who are already favored by laws to compel their fellow citizens to pay from 30 cents and upwards more on the dollar for goods than these goods can be bought for from outsiders, should be holding forth for more. What staggers us is the fact that the Hamilton Spectator and other flourishing journals, which enjoy no protective duties on their product but yet are prosperous and profitable, should be able to see reason why other industries should get still more of their already huge bonuses of public money. We believe in a moderate tariff for revenue, and have no objection to see that adjusted in a way to help infant industries or to best further national purposes. We don't believe in legalized robbery under the name of tariff or any other name, and we wonder how it is that a newspaper with as much common sense as the Hamilton Spectator can do so.

A BRICKBAT FOR WHITNEY.

Hamilton Spectator.

If there was any other reason for the taking of Dr. Reame into the cabinet than because he was French, the Spectator has been quite unable to discover it.

ANNUAL MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT

(Continued from page 1.)

There is more need of stability than of the attempt to attain an ideal perfection in the methods of raising revenue, and the shock and strain to the business world certain to attend any serious change in those methods render such change, unless for grave reasons, undesirable. Unless our expenditures can be kept within our revenues, then our revenue laws must be adjusted. It should be considered whether it is not desirable that the tariff laws should provide for applying as against or in favor of any other nation's maximum and minimum tariff rates established by congress, so as to secure a certain

Reciprocity of Treatment. between other nations and ourselves. It would, in my judgment, be well to endeavor to bring about closer commercial connections with the other people of this continent.

"Active work in the Panama canal construction, namely, preparatory, has been in progress for less than a year and a half. During that period two points about the canal have ceased to be open to debate: first, the question of route, the canal will be built on the isthmus of Panama; second, the question of feasibility, there are no physical obstacles on this route that American engineering skill will not be able to overcome. The point which remains unsettled is the question of type, whether the canal shall be one of several locks above sea level, or at sea level with a single tide lock. On this point I hope to lay before the congress at an early day the findings of the advisory board of American and European engineers. The American people are pledged to the speediest possible construction of a canal adequate to meet the demands which the commerce of the world will make upon it, and I appeal most earnestly to the congress to aid in this.

Fulfillment of the Pledges.

Gratifying progress has been made during the past year, and especially during the past four months. The greater part of the necessary preliminary work has been done. Actual work of excavation could be begun only upon a limited scale until the canal zone was made a healthful place to live in.

"The question of immigration is of vital interest to this country. In the year ending June 30th, 1905, there came to the United States 1,025,000 alien immigrants. It is clearly shown in the report of the commissioner-general of immigration that while much of this enormous immigration is undoubtedly healthy and natural, a considerable proportion is undesirable from one reason or another. In actual practice it has proved so difficult to enforce the immigration laws where long stretches of frontier marked by an imaginary line alone intervened between us and our neighbors that I recommend that no immigrants be allowed to come in from

Canada and Mexico

save natives of the two countries themselves. It seems to me that there should be an international conference held to deal with this question of immigration, which has more than a merely national significance.

"Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the preservation of Niagara Falls in all their beauty and majesty. If the state of New York cannot see to this then it is earnestly to be wished that she should be willing to turn it over to the national government, which should in such case (if possible) in conjunction with the Canadian government assume a similar burden, as it has already assumed for the Yellowstone National Park.

"I earnestly ask that Alaska be given an elective delegate. Some person should be chosen who can speak with authority of the needs of the territory. The government should aid in the construction of the railroad from the Gulf of Alaska to the Yukon river in American territory."

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

Four Teams Have Already Withdrawn From the Contest—Racers Behind the Record.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 5.—Twelve teams out of the sixteen that started on Monday morning survived the accidents and exhaustion of the first 30 hours of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, and still remained in the race when the sun rose to-day. Throughout the night there were occasional falls, as some tired rider failed to steer his machine accurately, but there were no serious injuries.

To-day's crowd of spectators began to arrive before the all-night watchers had left. In fact many of the spectators have been in the garden continuously since the race started at midnight Sunday.

The twelve teams were tied for first position at 9 o'clock, which was the end of the 23rd hour. They were then a fraction more than 85 miles behind the record, and were continually dropping behind, having lost five miles between 9 and 10 o'clock to-day. This was partly due to the withdrawal at midnight last night of Charles Venoni, the Italian rider who was the fighting spirit of the racers and the leader of nearly all sprints during the early hours of the race. The rider was first a member of the Swiss-Italian team, and after his partner in that team had broken a rib, joined the Mexican team, where an injury had left a vacancy, but at midnight Fred Castro, of Mexico, his new team mate, became exhausted, and Venoni was compelled to drop out because he had no one to ride with. After he left the track the others rode slowly themselves for several hours. The other teams represented by Floyd Krebs, of Newark, and Alexander Peterson, of Chicago, and the Afro-American team, represented by the New York riders, Melvin Dove and Ulysses Grant Scott. At 9 a. m. the score was 594 miles and two laps. The following teams were all even: Vanderstuf-Stol; Doornik-Burger; Dussot; Troussier; Decour; Hall - Downey; Rooth-Fogler; Keegan-Logan; Maclean-Moran; Bedell-Bedell; Downing-Bowler; Hooper-Kollister; Achorn-Wilcox; Galvin-McDonald.

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BENEFITS OF DISEASE.
Address By Sir Frederick Treves—Some Popular Misconceptions.

Popular misconceptions with regard to disease was the theme of an address delivered by Sir Frederick Treves to Edinburgh Philosophical Institution recently.

Sir Frederick Treves said the prevailing idea of disease was of something that was woeful and malignant, evil in origin, evil in intent, evil in effect. The popular view was that disease was a calamity, that it was destruction, and that it was purposeless except in the one direction of doing harm. His contention, however, was that there was nothing preternatural in disease, that its phenomena or symptoms were marked by purpose, and that purpose was beneficent. The processes of disease, he held, aimed not at the destruction of life but at the saving of it, and the manifestations were the outcome of a natural effort towards cure. Disease, as popularly realized, was not, in his opinion, one of

The Good Gifts.
for its origin was benevolent and protective. If it were not for disease in the popular sense the human race would soon be extinct. Sir Frederick gave the illustration of the processes in the healing of a wound, and described the battle between invading micro-organisms which sought to poison the body and the germs in the blood acting on the defence. Should the invading force beat down the first line of defence and find a way into the channels

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Lever's Y. Z. (Wise Head) Dish Soap. Powder is a boon to any home. It cleans and cleans at the same time.

—It will be hard for any one to equal our \$25 suits for the money. "Fit-Reform," 73 Government street.

—Paris panels about twice the size of cabinets at \$7.00 & the Xmas, special at the Skene Lowe studio.

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—Ahrenfeld fringe china captured the grand prize at the St. Louis exposition in competition with the world's most renowned makes. Weiler Bros.

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—Xmas Cozy Corners—Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street, make cozy corners and cushions to fit any corner or place. Prices moderate. Phone 718.

—The annual meeting of the Esquimalt District Liberal Association will be held at the old school, Esquimalt, on Saturday next, commencing at 8 p. m. Officers will be elected and other important business transacted.

—A quiet wedding was solemnized last evening at the Centennial Methodist church, when Mr. John Francis Huser and Mrs. Margaret Ellen Kentworthy were united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Thompson.

—The final rehearsal of "Elphie" will take place to-morrow evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora street. Members are requested to be present at 7.30 in order that all arrangements may be made for the following night, and that all may be in their seats before 8 o'clock.

—Last evening at the residence of Rev. H. A. Carson, 22 Tate street, Mr. William S. Temple, son of Rev. Dr. Temple, of Seattle, and Miss Maud Purcell Hughes, late of Kent, England, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. To-night the newly married couple will return to the Sound, thence to Ohio, where it is their intention to reside.

—The usual big Monday night crowd filled the Grand theatre last evening, or waited outside for the second performance, to witness the new bill for this week. The best number on the programme is that of Wahlund and Mine, Telka, in feats of strength, introducing some novel features. Jennie De Weese is a musical trick artist and dancer, her closing number, a neat stop dance, in which she accompanied herself on the banjo, being the best. Thelma De Yonge, phenomenal baritone took well, and Conners and McKenna have a nice little singing and talking sketch. Miss Hughes sings "Pal of Mine" (illustrated), and the show closes with a good line of moving pictures, entitled "Lifting the Lid" and "The Practical Conjuror."

—The annual bazaar in aid of the Reformed Episcopal church will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow, when, as on former occasions, the ladies who are noted for their artistic taste, will offer for sale many pretty as well as useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. The passe partout pictures are perfect gems, and ready for hanging. Beautiful Poin Selinas will be seen in all their glory, modest and fragrant, sweet-scented gachels, just the thing for a letter carrying within its folds a breath of British Columbia to friends far away, calendars of local views, and in fact all the pretty things imaginable. Dolls from the dear old rag-time to the stately queen will be on sale, and the fish pond will be well stocked. As for the candy stall it will look as sweet as the candies on it, and the booths alone will be quite worthy of a visit. The lunch, which will be held from 12 sharp to 2, will be in charge of the ladies of the Reformed church, and that recommendation is sufficient for the most fastidious. The entertainment for the evening promises to be a most successful one, with the following favorite names on the programme: Meddara Lamont, Hinton, and Helmeke, Miss Thain, Messrs. Holman and Roche, and a pretty Spanish dance by several little children under the able management of Mrs. Lester.

The usual social dance will be held in Semple's hall next Friday evening.

—R. M. S. Empress of India passed Carmichael at 11.40 o'clock to-day, inward bound from the Orient.

—Dr. Ernest Hall left last night for Vancouver, where he is to-day performing an important operation.

—Members of the United Service Golf Club will hold a mixed foursome competition on Thursday at the Macaulay Point links. A large entry and close competition is expected.

—There will be an "At Home" at the house of Mrs. Smithurst, Tennyson road, on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock in aid of the St. Mark's Sunday school. A good programme will be rendered.

—Mr. John Lucas, a former Victorian, and Miss Dora Y. Gall, of Portland, Ore., were joined in wedlock at the Salinas, California, on Tuesday night. The groom is now a prominent business man of Santa Cruz.

WHEN THE TROAT TICKLES

You know the germs of Catarrh are at work. Kill them at once with "Catarrhine." Doctors say it's the one sure cure that is safe and free from deleterious drugs. Remember the name—"Catarrhine."

—An interesting lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" was delivered by Rev. S. J. Thompson last evening at the Centennial Methodist church. The attendance was not large, in fact there were so few present that Rev. Mr. Thompson consented, upon request, to repeat his exceedingly interesting discourse on some other occasion.

—The Mothers' Club will hold their regular monthly meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Spring Ridge school. Mrs. Bedford will deliver another of her interesting illustrated lectures on "Health." This will be the last meeting of the club until the New Year, and a large attendance is expected. The meeting and lecture will be free, and refreshments will be served at 4 o'clock.

—Angus McKinnon, who was accidentally shot four months ago in the South Butte valley, passed away at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday. He was 39 years of age and a native of Wilhelmsburg, Scotland. He leaves a sister at Calgary and a brother in San Francisco to mourn his loss. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2 o'clock on Wednesday from the Hanna parlors, Yates street.

—It is understood that negotiations are in progress between the owners of the Vernon hotel, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson, and a Vancouver gentleman with the object in view of reopening that house. The agent is now considering a proposition from the latter, and should it be accepted, the probability is that the Vernon will once again take its place as one of Victoria's most popular hotels.

CLARK'S LUNCH TONGUE
Tender—tasty and ready to serve when you want something extra good and appetizing.

—This morning Mr. Justice Irving presided over the civil assizes. Two divorce cases came before him, namely, Cottenham vs. Cottenham, and Bernhardt vs. Bernhardt. W. C. Morrey appeared for the applicant in the former case and E. E. Wootton for the applicant in the latter. A decree nisi was granted in both actions. Six other cases were laid over to come before Mr. Justice Duff as soon as the winter case is completed.

—The new Victoria library was opened yesterday. While a number registered themselves as borrowers during the day, while many inspected the building. It has been stated in some quarters that the rules laid down by the commissioners are too stringent. The latter, however, maintain that these are absolutely necessary. There are some 300 books missing from the old library, and realizing that there was something wrong with a system under which such a thing could occur, have provided for the introduction of regulations which, it is thought, will prove more satisfactory.

—The turn of "Paul the Mystic" at the Savoy is a complete novelty in this city. In the presence of a couple of gentlemen from the audience he is hand-cuffed and doubled shackled, and then locked into a cell, only to make his escape in a few minutes. He further mystifies the audience by putting his assistant in the very same position in the space of a few seconds. Odell and Hart are again proving popular in their comedy sketch, Miss Nettie DeFrayne, otherwise Mrs. Anderson, of this city, makes her debut as a vaudeville star, and is accorded a very good reception. She possesses a very good voice, and makes full use of it. J. H. Fielding is seen in another of his laughable sketches.

—L'Alliance Francaise held their regular meeting last evening, when Professor Donjour Jouty gave an interesting reading. M. Lapourade, of Paris, who visited the meeting, gave an enjoyable account of his impressions of Canada. He came to the Dominion last spring and is deeply impressed with the country. He was particularly struck with the hospitality of the country, noting with close attention and interest the spirit of self-reliance and initiative instilled into each son, who was less dependent upon the father than the sons in his country. It was decided by the society to discontinue the meetings until after New Year's. The first meeting will be on the second Monday in January, when the subject will be Napoleon I.

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WRECKAGE THROWN UP ON WEST COAST

SOME OF VESSELS' UPPER WORKS FOUND

Hatch Bar Showing Number of Craft—

Flootman Result of Severe Storm.

Following in the wake of some of the recent heavy blows encountered by shipping off the Oregon and Washington coast comes a trail of wreckage drifting into the Vancouver Island coast in the vicinity of Carmichael Point. As mariners are well aware this is a part of the coast that is frequently strewn with wreckage at this time of year, or a little later in the winter, and of much that is cast up little can be identified.

The present wreckage is the first that has come ashore since the stormy weather commenced. That useful for identification purposes and reported by Lightkeeper Daykin consists of a hatch bar about five feet long and bearing the official number 5792 next to some white painted lumber like cabin fittings marked "To accommodate ten seamen only." From the above it is impossible to state at present what the name of the unfortunate craft is. Possibly some ship owner will recognize the number, but to locate it in shipping registers would involve a task involving probably a half day's work. From the wording, "To accommodate ten seamen only," one might infer that the vessel was a coaster, for the accommodation mentioned is smaller than would be that of a merchantman of the kind and size which frequently visit this coast.

The wreckage often appears over the doorway in a vessel's cabin. That this part of the ship should be broken away, indicates furthermore that the vessel has been in some distress, or else completely wrecked.

When questioned to-day as to the character of the wreckage, Lightkeeper Daykin said that it was all fresh. Taking this fact into consideration, the wreckage is undoubtedly the work of some recent storm, as stated. There have lately been numerous gales on the coast, any of which were of sufficient force to smash a vessel in weak condition. On consulting the meteorological office this morning it is found that within the past two or three weeks there have been several gales of unusual violence. On the 17th of last month a blow came from the west, which registered 60 miles an hour off Tatoosh. The same day the wind blew at the rate of 72 miles an hour off the Columbia river. A second storm attained the same velocity the following day, and was felt from the south off Tatoosh, the wind here registering 48 miles an hour. On the 26th a storm was felt off the Columbia river, when the wind blew 48 miles an hour, and on the 30th it reached 52 miles an hour in the same locality.

According to Capt. Townsend, of the steamer Queen City, the seas which accompanied some of these storms were very high, and in a way it is not altogether surprising that some vessel should have suffered.



The date of the big sale of seal fur in London, England, when the catches of the Victoria sealers will be put up at auction is now but ten days distant. The sale takes place on the 15th inst. On it depends the success of the sealing industry of the past year. If good prices are realized a substantial profit should be on the side of those operating the schooner fleet, for the catches of the past season have been very favorable.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Association, which controls all but three or four vessels in the fleet, will be held on the 22nd inst., and then or shortly afterwards it will be known what disposition will be made of the vessels during the coming season. The policy with regard to this, which has prevailed during the past few years, will not probably be altered any. It is not thought likely that any schooners will be sent to the Japan coast, for with the large number of sealers operating on the Asiatic coast it is believed that seals are no more plentiful there than they are here. As customary the white vessels, carrying white crews, will be sent away first to be followed later by those which will take Indians.

GONE TO ESQUIMALT.

The ship DITON has moved into Esquimalt from the Royal Roads, where she will receive a new top-mast. Five weeks ago she received a new top-mast. The vessel arrived from Acaapulco about five weeks ago. Since then she has been waiting a charter. But the DITON is a very large craft, she has a capacity for carrying 4,500 tons of cargo, and it has been found that there is little demand for vessels of this size. The explanation of this seems to be principally in the fact that orders do not come in the size that would provide for the filling of so large a vessel. The DITON, therefore, waits indefinitely, while many other craft of smaller tonnage go and come. It is reported that unless a charter is received that she will pay off and lie up in Esquimalt.

MARINE NOTES.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that 2,800 tons of barnacles were scraped from the hull of the Lord Wolsey in dock at Quartermaster harbor. The ship's stowage has finished loading her cargo of lumber at Chemainus, and is ready for a tug to take her to sea. Steamer Hyades left Kobe for Victoria on the 8th inst., and will be due to arrive here on the 19th or 20th. Steamer Houslow will leave the dry dock to-morrow. The Blue Funnel liner "King Suey," which left Yokohama on the 4th inst.,

will be due on the 17th inst. She has 850 tons of European cargo for Victoria.

D. G. S. Quadra will be on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot for a week or so set.

It is expected that the ship Riversdale will leave the Royal Roads on Thursday.

DIED AT KAMLOOPS.

Robert Todd, a Pioneer of Province, Passed Away on Friday.

The death occurred Friday at the Provincial Home of Robert Todd, aged 74, one of the oldest pioneers of British Columbia. Deceased was born where Brandon now stands and entered the employ of the Hudson's Bay Co., whose post he kept in Kamloops about fifty years ago. For years past he worked on a ranch at Shuswap, from where he came to the Home in March last—Kamloops Central.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS SCORED AGAIN

Won Gold Medal of Horticultural Society For Exhibits of Apples in London.

Again has British Columbia fruit swept all before it in the old Land. The exhibit of apples, which is in charge of R. M. Palmer has captured the horticultural gold medal and eight industrial exhibitors' medals of lesser value. This is the welcome news received by the Times in a special dispatch from London. As will be remembered, this province won great fame as a fruit producer, in London two years ago when it captured the gold medal. The advertisement gained then was considerable and many inquiries of the agent-general regarding conditions governing the fruit growing industry in the province followed. Now, with this second feather in her cap, British Columbia will again become the centre of attraction. The Times dispatch follows:

"The British Columbia exhibit of apples at Caxton hall, to-day, are the finest seen in England for years. The exhibit covered a space of 75 feet long and six feet wide. The Horticultural Society awarded the province the gold medal and eight industrial exhibitors' medals of lesser value. The Nova Scotia exhibit also was much admired. Its agent-general was awarded a silver medal and four other exhibitors also received medals."

A FELINE DITTY

—ON—
DIAMOND DYES.



My kittens three, were white and gray.
'Twas hard to keep them clean;
No matter how I worked each day,
The kits looked very mean.

They'd go out in the morning clad
So tidy and so trim;
At night, they'd come home looking
sad,
With clothes so soiled and grim.

I could not keep them tidy, neat,
One hour of the day,
When they were in the field or street,
With other cats at play.

I then procured the DIAMOND DYES,
And made a dye both hot
And to my kittens great surprise,
I dipped them in the pot.

To-day, my kittens are all dressed
In black so rich and deep;
I mourn no more, and now am blessed
When'er I span or sleep.

The moral of my song is plain,
To women bright and wise;
If you would pleasure, profit gain,
Just use the DIAMOND DYES.

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Having Purchased the Stock of
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150 \$35 Suits

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111 GOVERNMENT STREET

DISCUSSED CIVIC MATTERS.

Meeting of North Ward Municipal Association Held Last Evening.

A well attended meeting of the Central North Ward Municipal Association was held in the North Ward school last night. The discussion of the various subjects under consideration was entered into with spirit with the result that adjournment was not reached until past 10 o'clock. Geo. Leves, the president, occupied the chair.

The proposed amendments to the Municipal Act were referred to a committee of J. S. Yates, Capt. Cox and J. D. Finlayson, for report, excepting the auditor clause, which provides that a properly qualified registered accountant shall be elected by the people at the same time as the Mayor and council.

Recreation grounds for the children of North Ward school was discussed and laid over until next meeting when the question of policy in respect to candidates seeking election will come up. The meeting then adjourned.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co.
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

Private Sales by Arrangement, etc.
Eaton & Co. are now unpacking their
Xmas Goods, and will offer them to
the public in a few days at bargain
rates.
A Doherty Reed Organ for sale.
A Cow, freshly calved, for sale.

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STRAYED from Mr. Henderson's prop-
erty near Willow, one red and
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Information given as to their where-
abouts will be rewarded. Apply to
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partment, Victoria.

STRAYED—Dark brown mare (with
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rience would like engagements, or the
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meat, Chickens**

ALL STYLES

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25 Government Street, Opposite Post
Office.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

(Associated Press.)

Manassas, Va., Dec. 5.—A fire broke
out here at 2 o'clock this morning
which swept the business section of
the town. The estimated loss is over
one hundred thousand dollars.

RETURNED TO HORSE.

A few months ago the town of Tun-
bridge, Wells, England, adopted a mo-
tor omnibus service for its streets. Now
it has sold the motor omnibuses and
returned to the horse vehicles.

**Xmas
Perfume**

Cut Glass Bottles in elegant
boxes at inexpensive prices. Let
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IRISH WHISKIES, per bottle \$1.00 and \$1.25
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We sell all kinds of Liquors by the Gallon.

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CHRISTMAS FRUIT PURVEYORS.

Cheese ! Cheese !!

A full assortment of fresh goods,
Gorgonzola, Roquefort, Stilton, Swiss
and Canadian Cheese

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Great reduction of prices on all lines during the month.
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Japanese store in the town.
Special prices for church bazaars, etc.

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**SULTAN HAS BEEN
FORCED TO YIELD**

TO DEMANDS MADE
BY EUROPEAN POWERS

Asks For Modification of Details of
Scheme For Financial Control
of Macedonia.

(Associated Press.)

Vienna, Dec. 5.—An official telegram
from Constantinople says the Austrian
ambassador, Baron Von Calico, received
a note from the Turkish government
yesterday evening accepting the
proposal of the powers of financial control
of Macedonia, but asking for a
modification of the details.

War Minister's Attitude.

Constantinople, via Sofia, Dec. 5.—
The council of ministers has agreed to
yield to the demand of the powers in
principle, but the Sultan has not yet
issued an irade approving of this ac-
tion.

It seems that the war minister re-
fused to sign the ministerial note on
the subject, which is couched in con-
ciliatory terms and pronounces in fa-
vor of the acceptance in principle of
the requirements of the European con-
cert. The Sultan said he was waiting
unanimity on the part of the minis-
ters before sanctioning their action.

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

may deprive your family of their
means of support. Are you taking that
risk, or is the Imperial Life carrying it
for you?—S. P. Saunders, Victoria,
manager for Vancouver Island.

CUBAN PARDONED.

Col. Piedra, Who Started Recent In-
surrectionary Movement, Has
Returned Home.

(Associated Press.)

Havana, Dec. 5.—The government's
policy of forgiveness has been extend-
ed to Col. Piedra, who was the first
to begin the recent insurrectionary
movement and the last to return home.
Col. Piedra, with three companions,
former revolutionary officers, was met
29 miles out of the city by Interior
Secretary Andrade and two congress-
men, who went to the meeting place in
three automobiles to welcome the
wanderers and conveyed them to their
homes in Havana. The four men were
liberated on the same bail as the other
insurgents.

THE TOURING MINISTERS

Had Another Interview With Sir Wil-
frid Laurier This Afternoon.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Premier McBride
and Hon. R. G. Tatlow had an inter-
view this afternoon with Sir Wilfrid
Laurier, Deputy Minister Gourdeau
and Clerk Venning in regard to the
fisheries. They left in the afternoon
for Montreal, and will proceed home
by way of Toronto. Sir Wilfrid was
too busy to see the British Columbia
delegation this forenoon, and the meet-
ing was adjourned until three in the
afternoon.

COLLAPSE OF ROOF.

Several Persons Killed and Many
Injured at Charing Cross
Station, London.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 5.—The south end of
an immense roof spanning the Charing
Cross main line station here collapsed
this afternoon and completely col-
lapsed. Huge pieces of the iron roof
and timbers fell on the trains beneath
carrying down with them men who
were working on the roof. The roof
of the Avenue theatre adjoining the
station also collapsed.
A large number of injured workmen
were taken to a neighboring hospital,
but apparently there were no passen-
gers on the trains, some of the cars of
which were crushed into kindling
wood. About thirty injured persons
have already been taken to the hos-
pital. One of them died immediately
and others are in a critical condition.
There are a number of dead among the
ruins.

Some of the wreckage fell on an ad-
joining cab stand. Several of the
drivers were injured, two horses were
killed and some cabs were smashed.
The continental express filled with
passengers was standing outside the
station waiting for the signal to enter
when the collapse of the roof occurred.

PERSONALS.

John Stuart, or Heriot Bay; Fred
Frost and C. L. Casselman, of Bullard;
A. B. Stock and wife, of Hazy Valley;
E. Beeton, of Toronto; R. L. Phelps,
D. Blair, T. R. E. McInnes, E. S. Bush-
by, A. B. Williams, E. V. Dangerfield,
H. R. Wynn, G. R. G. Bagnall and J.
McGourie, of Vancouver, and E. Davis,
of Goldstream, are among those reg-
istered at the King Edward hotel.

Fred A. Richardson, of Vancouver;
A. Ben. Marshall, of New York; C.
A. Campbell, of Hamilton; W. C.
Lecky, of Montreal, and W. C. Ross
and wife, of Cambridge Spring, Cal.,
are in the city. They are among the
guests at the Briard hotel.

J. T. Stroud, of Seattle, Wn.; A.
Kleinist, of Selkirk, Y. T.; D. Mc-
Gregor, of Ladner, B. C.; and R. W.
Perry, of the York County Loan &
Savings Co., are among those staying
at the Dominion hotel.

Robt. M. Jackson and Chas. Waddell,
of Vancouver, and E. Selby and John
Morley, of Seattle, are at the Victoria
hotel.
—For genuine bargains in boys' and
men's clothing go to the bankrupt sale,
122 Government street. Everything
must be cleared out as they have to
vacate the premises at end of year, so
take advantage of the snap while they
last. Not one line, or two, have been
reduced, but every article—men's fine
clothing, underwear, shirts, etc., going
at prices that can't help to interest
you. Come and see for yourselves at
122 Government street.

LONDON'S EMPTY "VILLAS."

A suburban building boom in Lon-
don has collapsed and thousands of
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**CANADA AND THE
COLONIAL CONFERENCE**

Reply of the Government to the Pro-
posal Recently Made to Change
the Title

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The text of Cana-
da's reply to the colonial secretary in
regard to changing the name "Colonial
Conference" to "Imperial Council," and
to the suggestion to afford a perman-
ent commission sitting in London to
prepare subject for discussion, was
given out to-day. It says in part:
"The term 'council' indicates in the
view of your excellency's ministers a
more formal assemblage, possessing an
advisory and deliberative character,
and in conjunction with the word 'im-
perial' suggesting a permanent insti-
tution which is endowed with a con-
tinuous life. The life might eventually
come to be regarded as an encroach-
ment upon the full measure of auton-
omous legislative and administrative
power now enjoyed by all the self-gov-
erning colonies. The government,
while not wishing to be understood as
advocating any such change at the
present time, incline to the opinion
that the title 'Imperial Conference'
which has been indicated in the designa-
tion proposed by His Majesty's gov-
ernment."

As regards the second suggestion
of His Majesty's government, the
government is sensible that such a
commission would greatly facilitate
the work of the conference, and at the
same time enhance the dignity and
importance of that assembly. They
cannot, however, wholly divert them-
selves of the idea that such a com-
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made a verbal reply to the note pre-
sented by Austria and Russia, support-
ed by other powers, warning the gov-
ernments of the Balkan states to ob-
serve neutrality during the naval
demonstration against Turkey. The
minister expressed surprise that the
powers should resort to such an ad-
monition against Bulgaria, which, he
said, had invariably taken a correct
position.

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